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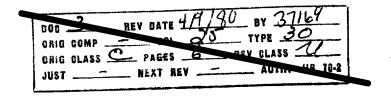


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POLITICAL

ADJACENT NORTH KOREAN, CHINESE PROVINCES SIGN PROTOCOL -- P'yongyang, Nodong Sinmun, 30 May 60, p 3

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A possible step in drawing North Korea closer to the Chinese Communist influence was taken in Mukden on 26 May with the signing of a protocol on the establishment of local relations between P'yongyang-pukto, Korea, and Liaoning Province, China. The document was signed, said the 30 May 1960 issue of the P'yongyang Nodong Sinmun, by Yi Yu-jin, vice-chairman of the P'yongyang-pukto People's Committee, and Hwang Tal (from the Korean), deputy governor of Liaoning Province.

INDONESIAN COMMUNISTS ALTER CENTRAL COMMITTEE STAMP -- Djakarta, Harian Rakjat, 24 May 60

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In a possible attempt to foil document fabricators, the Secretariat of the Indonesian Communist Party's Central Committee announced in the 24 May 1960 issue of the Djakarta Communist daily Harian Rakjat that the old Central Committee stamp in the form of a white circle, with the inscription "Central Comite Partai Komunis Indonesia" was to have been replaced on 23 May by a new stamp in the form of the party symbol, with "Comite Central Partai Komunis Indonesia" written on it.

NEW SECRETARY OF GREATER DJAKARTA COMMITTEE -- Djakarta, Harian Rakjat, 24 May 60

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In listing the Communist officials present at the 40th anniversary reception of the Indonesian Communist Party, Harian Rakjat named A. Anwar Sanusi as secretary of the Greater Djakarta Committee of the party. There had been a previous reference to Sanusi in this capacity in the 15 April 1960 Suara Ibukota, but in neither case was there any explanation of why he had replaced S. Utarjo, the previous secretary, or of what position, if any, the latter now holds. Both Sanusi and Utarjo are members of the Central Committee elected at the recent Sixth National Party Congress.

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MILITARY

INDICATION OF SOVIET ROCKET BASES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA -- Munich, Slobodne Slovensko, May 1960

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A remark to the effect that "the commander of Soviet rocket units in Czechoslovakia is Air Force Colonel (Plukovnik) Aleksey A. Liskin," carried in the May 1960 issue of the Munich Slovak National Council Abroad monthly Slobodne Slovensko is one of the few indications of the presence of Soviet rocket units, or of any Soviet military units, on Czech soil. The Czechoslovak press has apparently not mentioned any such presence so far; however, the 27 September 1959 issue of the Italian Il Tempo identified Liskin as "commander of 'Center Rock,' i.e., in charge of all missile bases from East Germany to Albania."

UNIDENTIFIED APC IN PRAGUE MILITARY REVIEW -- Prague, Obrana Lidu, 3, 10 May

Photographs appearing in issues of the Czechoslovak military daily Obrana Lidu published in Prague by the Ministry of National Defense, indicate the use by Czechoslovak armed forces of a new type APCs (armored personnel carrier). An uncaptioned photograph in the 3 May 1960 issue shows some of the vehicles, mounting what appear to be twin 30-mm M 53 automatic AAA guns. The vehicles are unlike any APCs hitherto identified as being used by Soviet Bloc forces. A second photograph in the 10 May 1960 issue of the same source, reportedly taken during a military review, provides a clearer view of the vehicles.

The official report of the 9 May 1960 parade, appearing in the same issue of the newspaper, indicates that these APCs are "highly maneuverable" and have been dubbed "Jesterky" (Lizards).

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VIETNAMESE PILOTS TRAIN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA -- Prague, Zapisnik 60, 23 Apr 60

The disclosure that "several young Vietnamese pilots were trained at the SVAZARM airfield in Horice" in Czechoslovakia was made in the 23 April 1960 issue of the Czechoslovak Ministry of National Defense publication Zapisnik 60 for 23 April 1960. The same copyrighted article also revealed that two experienced SVAZARM pilot instructors, one mechanic, and one technician went to Vietnam to supervise the arrival, assembly, and activation of eight Czechoslovak "Trener" sports planes in Haiphong, three of which had been purchased by the Vietnamese, and five were gifts of the Czechoslovak government.

ECONOMIC

NORTH VIETNAM TO SET UP AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY TEAMS -- Hanoi, Nhan Dan, 25 May 60

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The Ministry of Agriculture, North Vietnam, recently issued a decision setting up agricultural machinery teams in Hung Yen, Ha Tinh, and Quang Binh provinces. These teams are to give guidance in increasing the mechanization of agriculture and train workers for future tractor stations.

/This is the first indication in the North Vietnam press of plans to set up agricultural machinery stations such as those now existing in North Korea and other Communist countries.

RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THANH HOA INDUSTRY -- Hanoi, Thoi Moi, 6 May 60

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Since early 1959, when local industrial development and factory construction were started in Thanh Hoa Province, /formerly essentially agricultural/ new local industrial plants have been going up at the average

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rate of one every 20 days. Some of these new industries, such as the plast furnace and the antimony plant, have a yearly production capacity valued at millions of dong; and the Cam Van Coal Mine's annual coal production will amount to tens of thousands of tons. From early 1959 to now, the province has produced 1,300 tons of iron, 454 tons of chemical fertilizer (besides 1,110 tons of phosphate fertilizer), 5,000 tons of coal, 1,000 threshing machines, 6,000 liters of commercial acid, tens of tons of insecticide, 60 tons of antimony metal, and almost 10,000 tons of mineral ore of various types.

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